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Marking Alberta's Centennial milestone

Pathfinders Terri White (left) and Nicole Labrie flank Girl Guide Leigha Bishop as she hoists the Alberta and Centennial flags skyward to officially open Elk Point's celebration of Alberta's 100th birthday, on Friday, September 2.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO

Huge celebration marks Alberta's Centennial

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point went all out in celebration of Alberta's Centennial, with a huge crowd on hand Friday, September 2 for a Town-sponsored barbecue, followed by a stage show combining historical tidbits, music, song and dance, presentations and prizes. The evening wrapped up with a spectacular fireworks display.

Town council members Dennis Jasinsky and Dwayne Yaremkevich presided over barbecues laden with an endless procession of hamburgers and hot dogs, with Town manager Myron Goyan and public works superintendent Ron Fraess constantly replenishing supplies of buns and condiments. The ladies of the Royal Purple served up a gigantic birthday cake, while Mayor Parrish Tung handed out close to 500 Centennial pins supplied by MLA Ray Danyluk and FCSS director Deanna Easthope and a bevy of volunteers handed out flags, balloons and tattoos to the younger set.

Elk Point Community Choir opened the second part of the evening as they lined up in front of the outdoor stage decked with Centennial 2005 logos to sing O Canada.

Pathfinders Terri White and Nicole Labrie formed an honour guard for Girl Guide Leigha Bishop as she raised the Alberta and Centennial flags while Alberta's official Centennial song played in the background.

Master of ceremonies, Town councillor Thomas Kondla, welcomed the crowd with his first tidbit of Alberta history, noting that the province, which marked its official birthday on September 1, was named after Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, the fourth daughter of Queen Victoria. Kondla quoted Prime Minister Wilfred Laurier, who urged the residents of the new province to "look to the land of your ancestors, but also look to the land of your children."

"Tonight," Kondla said, "is a mix of the past and the present. The fireworks this evening will be dedicated to a bright future in the next 100 years."

Mayor Tung brought greetings from the Town and thanked the councillors, Town staff and volunteer organizing committee for their efforts toward the celebration. He also thanked the audience for their attendance, noting "It wouldn't be a celebration without all of you."

Residents of many cultural backgrounds make up our community and area, and Kondla related the tale of Wasyl Eleniak and Ivan Pylypow, who came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1891 in search of free land. While Wasyl stayed to establish a farm, Ivan returned home to get his family, and spread the news of the exciting new land. These two pioneers were a beginning of a flood of Ukrainian immigrants who settled in the area east of Edmonton, stretching as far east as Elk Point in Canada's largest Ukrainian settlement bloc.

The Ukrainian influence on our own community was exhibited by six members of the Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club. Kelsey Lindquist and Kelsey Vinge started off with a duet, followed by Seanna and Ashton Ewasiuk, Lindsay and Madison MacDonald, who performed a charming "Sisters Dance," to the delight of the crowd.

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Area grandparents celebrated on their own special day

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A small crowd celebrated Grandparents Day on Sunday, with activities indoors this year at Elk Point United Church.

"We always have a fundraising walk, and a celebration at the Seniors' Recreation Centre," organizer Diana Anderson explained, "Unfortunately, the Seniors' was double-booked. We really thank the United Church for letting us have it here."

The United Church family not only provided accommodation for the event, they also provided the lunch which followed the entertainment, with Tags Food and Gas providing a cake for the occasion and Lucille Smith the flower arrangements for the tables. Anderson expressed appreciation to Sharon Smith and Lucille Smith for their assistance in planning the event, which was sponsored by the Alberta Council on Aging.

"This is a day we say thank you to our

grandparents for their unwavering love and support. They have provided the places we could always go to find unconditional love. Children need safe places, and unconditional love. Growing up today is tough," Anderson said. "Often, it's grandparents that hold it all together."

Wanda Rainey introduced her family, with son Brandon reading poetic tributes to grandparents, including one which called them "perfect examples of the person you

should be."

Carol Babcock and Randall Krys introduced their family, with their oldest son Dmitri sharing some of the good times he has had with his grandparents.

Anderson added stories of her life as a grandmother before Grace Meger, Vernon Sharkey, Jeff Reiter and Russ Kowtun took centre stage to provide a number of gospel songs, much enjoyed by their audience.

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Masonic Lodge presents bursary

Worshipful Master Allan Berg of St. George's Masonic Lodge recently presented a \$1,500 Masonic Higher Education Bursary to Breana Malcolmson of St. Paul, who is entering her fourth year at the University of Education, studying toward a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO



A new year for 4-H

By SHELLEY TYMOFICHUK
Elk Point 4-H Multi Club

Welcome back everyone and greetings to all our newcomers for another full year of 4-H excitement.

Our organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at the F. G. Miller High School. If you are

interested in things like beef, horsemanship, woodworking and just about anything else, come and check us out.

4-H is not just for farm kids - it's for everyone. Possibilities are endless with ideas, fun and opportunities this program can offer.

Hope to see you soon!

Fire on the horizon - does anyone remember?

By C. J. CHARLIE HALL
The Milk Stool Historian

While searching through the maps of the Elk Point village with me the other evening, Don Young remembered a story.

When he was about nine or so, about the fall of 1939, he and his brother Glen were out shooting chickens. As it became cool that evening they built a fire of straw and sticks to warm

their hands. That evening as it got dark, they could see the sky toward Elk Point illuminated by the glare of fire (some five miles away), and wondered if their little flame had had anything to do with it. It didn't, of course, but the next day they found out that a store had burned.

This store stood where the Toronto Dominion Bank now is. The store was called

Economy John's. This name I have never heard mentioned before. Possibly someone will write in with helpful information. What did the store sell, and who was Economy John? Search your attics, everyone.

Chamber meeting postponed

Last Wednesday's meeting of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has been postponed until Wednesday, September 21 at 6 p.m.

The decision to postpone the meeting came after environmental test results on the two potential sites for the train station project were still not available to be discussed at the meeting.

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Alberta Looking for better ways

Centennial celebrations

(Continued from Front Page)

Kondla noted that membership in the Ukrainian Dance Club is declining, and the club is busy recruiting new members.

Another young lady of Ukrainian heritage, Jodi Kalynchuk, was welcomed on stage, and played two fiddle tunes on a vintage violin, with backup by Grace Meger, Henry Botting, Arnie Price and Vernon 'Babe' Sharkey.

That Heinsburg and Elk Point foursome then took over the spotlight, with Kondla noting that in days gone by, it was customary for people from neighboring towns to get together for entertainment.

Grace Meger's renditions of Wilf Carter favorites, "Springtime in the Rockies" and "The Blue Canadian Rockies," along with her own song, "Home in the Laurier Lake Pines," continued the Alberta flavour of the evening, with some help from her brother, Henry Botting, on some of the vocals. Babe Sharkey's fiddle tunes concluded the set.

Oil and gas have played a huge role in Alberta's history, Kondla noted, from William Herron and Archibald Dingman's 1914 discovery of natural gas in the Turner Valley region to the 1947 Leduc #1 gusher drilled by Vern 'Dry Hole' Hunter, to later development of the Fort McMurray oilsands projects and our own heavy oil industry.

The contribution of oil to our province's economy was saluted by the men of Elk Point Community Choir, with solos by Shaun Sheplaw featured in "Call Me a Roughneck."

Elk Point's 98 years of history and those who have helped to preserve it for future generations were recognized, with certificates presented by Kondla to local historian and museum owner Steve Andrichak, and to the Elk Point Historical Society.

Elk Point Baptist Church youth pastor Jason Goulet offered a prayer for past historians such as Mary Bennett and Sid Holthe, followed by a moment of silence in their memory.

Eleven babies born to area residents in 2005 were recognized, with the presentation of certificates by Deanna Easthope and Bernice Capjack on behalf of the Town of Elk Point to the nine present. They are: Lochlain Jacob Ray Jenner, born August 9 to Lindsay and Jennifer Jenner; Joseph Franklin Paul Cardinal, born April 21 to Margaret Bayduza and Rod Cardinal; Dean Bently Ockerman, born February 15 to Cathy and Glen Ockerman, Krya Donna Ockerman, born July 29 to Nicole Bykowsky and Chris Ockerman; Shaylyn Rose Klatt, born July 19 to Tammy and Darryl Klatt; Ryan James Hannin, born February 2 to Shauna and Jason Hannin; Ethan Reed Vanwyck, born March 30 to Karen Ziomek and Bryan Vanwyck; Alexis Paige Krider, born January 5 to Donna and Kelly Krider; and Brittney Kate Walton, born March 1 to Shirley and Nigel Walton. Unable to attend were Christine Angel Ortiguero Guzeron, born August 15 to Airyn

and Roger Guzeron, and Chloe Marley Anne Bendixen, born June 27 to Candace and Marty Bendixen.

"These are our youth of tomorrow, and our future," Capjack noted.

Those who have made an imprint on this community include the congregations who were responsible for the development of local churches, Kondla said, as he introduced local gospel singer Kerry Anderson, who sang two uplifting numbers.

Elk Point's history goes back well over two centuries, and the fur trade influence was not forgotten. The Community Choir, with conductor Udo Mueller attired in buckskin coat and raccoon hat featured in the solos and one of the song's composers (the other being Rob Holliday), Gabe Bayduza, on accordion, performed their Bicentennial hit, "Dip Your Paddles." The Choir's final number of the evening was "Beauty Fills My Soul."

A number of door prize draws were made, with prizes from the Town and the Alberta Centennial Commission going to Glen Ockerman, Cheri Lindquist, Marissa (no last name given), Richard Ganske, Brittany Walton, Jordan Bugera, Rob Cassian, Marie Lesyk, Diane Cole, Bill Seniuk, Lily Seal and Phyllis Zarowny.

Talented young public speaker Kayla Gibson continued the fur trade salute with her speech on Peter Fidler, which won her acclaim at both 4-H and Optimist public speaking competitions.

"Long before the European settlers came, there were people here," Kondla remarked, noting the area still has a large population of First Nation and Métis residents.

A lifelong resident of the area, Homer Poitras told the crowd "the last couple of weeks have been very busy," with the Métis Centennial trek and celebrations at Métis Crossing, "but we've saved the best for last." His incomparable fiddle tunes set a fast pace for Métis traditional belt and broom dances performed by Corbin and Theren Poitras.

The stage show concluded with a performance by Adele and Ralph Johnson. Adele's reminiscences of growing up around Lindbergh and Spring Park shone through in her new song, "The Strawberry Patch," and her strong devotion to this province formed the basis for the song she had entered in the competition for the official Alberta song. "We've Got it All in Alberta" drew thunderous applause from the audience, echoing their agreement with her sentiments.

In closing, Kondla thanked his fellow members of Town Council, Myron Goyan, the public works staff, E-Can Oilfield Services, Canadian Salt, Rob Walker and the organizing committee for their assistance with the evening.

Moments later, a full fifteen minutes of breathtaking fireworks lit up the sky as Elk Point paid colourful homage to completion of Alberta's first century as a province.



Memories of the 1992 Bicentennial of Fort George and Buckingham House fur trade forts came flooding back as the Elk Point Community Choir, with conductor Udo Mueller, in buckskin jacket and coonskin cap, as the soloist and Gabe Bayduza on accordion performed "Dip Your Paddles", written and composed by Bayduza and Rob Holliday.



Kelsey Lindquist (left) and Kelsey Vinge performed a charming Ukrainian dance duet.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTOS

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EDITORIAL

High and dry is a good place to be

We in Elk Point have many things to be thankful for, and one of these is that the founders of this community chose to build it in a high and dry location.

This past year has seen unprecedented water-related disasters - not only the tsunami which wiped out communities along the shores of southeast Asia last Boxing Day and the hurricane which rendered the historic city of New Orleans uninhabitable, but also the floods which wreaked havoc in numerous Alberta communities in the wake of record rainfalls.

Right here close tot home, the flooding North Saskatchewan piled heaps of debris around our water intake marker, which normally is on shore. Just think what would happen if our community had been built, as some were, near the ferry landing sites that were established in the early days of the century.

It's not that Elk Point has never had woes stemming from an over-abundance of water. We are told that in the late 1940s you could canoe from the willow swamp where Tags is now, down to the creamery, which was then at what is now the intersection of Highways 41 and 646. More recently, we recall the water that immediately filled the holes drilled for pilings when the Elk Point Public Library was built. The water table is still close to the surface, as was discovered when test holes were drilled recently in the Iron Horse Trail staging area. However, our only floods come from spring thaw and the very rare gully-washer rainfall, and we can deal with that.

There are definite benefits to being high and dry.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Building boom, tourist traffic bust

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES IN THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 IN...

1985

Building permits topped the \$6 million mark, with 13 residential and two industrial permits issued during August., the 10 new single family homes bringing the total to 28 so far in 1985. Town Council passed a new noise bylaw prohibiting the unnecessary noise between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., with no construction noise allowed on Sundays.

1990

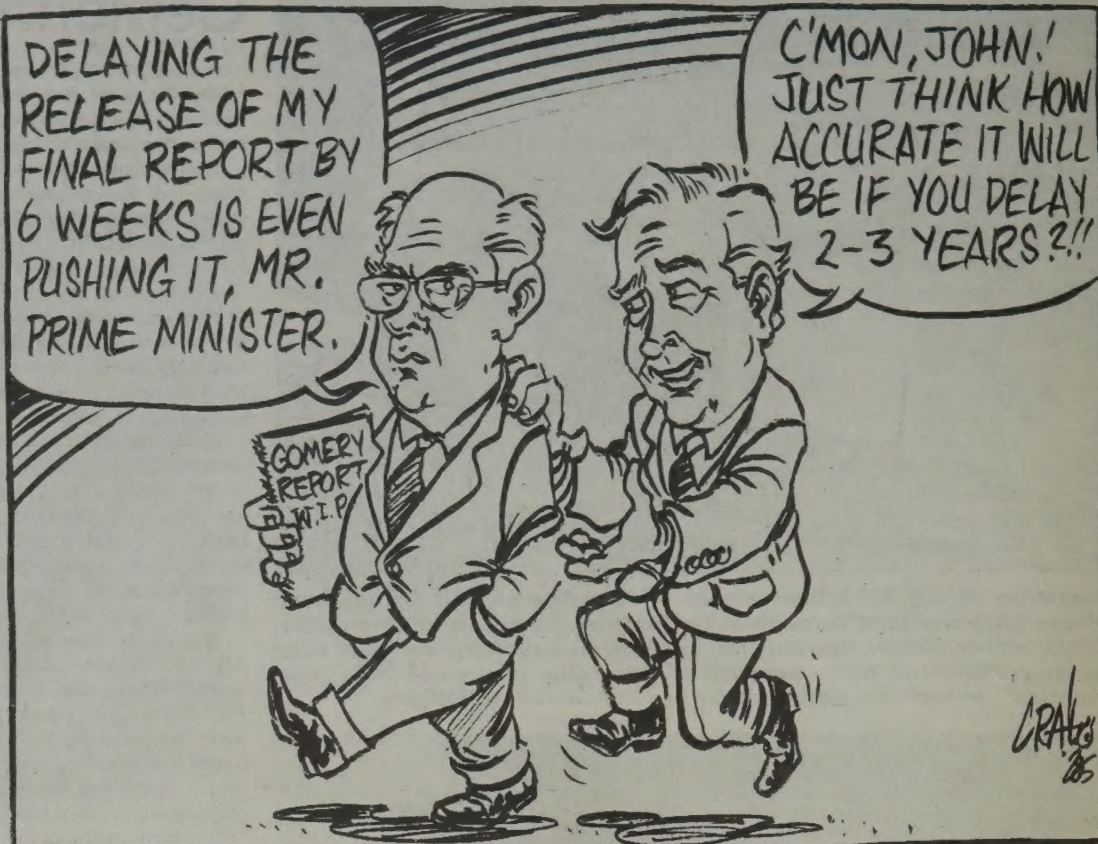
A recreational vehicle park using funding from the Community Tourism Action Plan was completed, making a fine addition to Fort George Motel. Over 80 percent of 1990 municipal taxes were paid before the August 31 deadline, with almost half of the amount coming in on the final day before penalties would be assessed.

1995

Mayor Ed Buck announced that he would not be submitting nomination papers for the general election on October 16, stating he felt he had done his civic duty. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was informed of a 36 percent drop in tourists at the Information Centre this year, due in part to the decrease from seven to five days of operation per week.

2000

Restoration of Heinsburg's historic railway water tower was complete, with project coordinator Bob Hendriks, MLA Paul Langevin and Howard Mehain of Craftex Building Inc. taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce looked back at a busy summer, including winning second prize in the Canada Day parade with their hippie-laden 'peace' float and hosting a rather disappointing circus which president Eugene Buck called "basically a dog and pony show."



GUEST COLUMN

Get your community information!

Have you ever wondered about who to contact to ask if 'such and such' takes place in Elk Point? Or, have you ever wondered which group might need your volunteer help? Don't worry. On Tuesday, September 13 - that is tonight - from 7 to 9 p.m., the FCSS office will be hosting the Annual Information Night at the Elks Hall. All community groups and services are being invited to book a table where information about them can be shared with you. If some groups are unable to come, don't forget to pick up the booklet: "Community Information Directory" at the FCSS table. The Directory is updated every spring with contact names and phone numbers of all clubs and organizations in the community of Elk Point.

There is no cost for community groups or community service people to set up a table at Information Night because the Elks along with the FCSS feel this is a community service. Plus, there is no cost for anyone to come to Information Night. But, if you remember, it would be appreciated if you brought a non-perishable food item for the St. Paul area food bank. Thank you, everyone.

When you come to Information Night you will be able to "purchase" knowledge about what happens in our community for getting involved in any way in something. Did you know that the word "purchase" comes from the French word *pourschasser* which means "to hunt." Once upon a time stores had no show windows and would-be purchasers had to hunt for what they wanted - though the were helped

somewhat by apprentices who stood outside the stores and asked people what they wanted as they passed by. So really, coming to Information Night is like purchasing knowledge about what happens in our community.

Speaking of learning something, have you often wondered what people say about us? Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges was asked in 1974 during an interview, "What do you think of when you think of Canada?" He said: "Canada is so far away it hardly exists." You are probably saying, "Oh, really!"

Anyway, here is another quote. "In Canada, for example, there are 1.6 persons per square mile; in other countries perhaps 16, 18, 20 or 26 persons. Well, no matter how stupidly one managed one's affairs in such a country, a decent living would still be possible." Do you know who said that? It was Adolf Hitler in 1940 in a speech in Berlin.

Moving on to Alberta, you are probably aware of the many quotes about Alberta. One quote is: "Alberta is a rich, beautiful province." Hence, people have migrated to Alberta over the last several years. The result is, some people have been rewarded and some people have been disappointed. My question then becomes: "Why do you think some people were disappointed?" Could it be they didn't have enough information about their job or the location where they chose to live? Maybe - they didn't have enough resources of their own to make their lives exist before the resources of Alberta could kick in. Another possibility is that they chose not to get involved in their local community. You know, that is really dangerous. For example, as we have been conducting the senior needs assessment, we have learned that those who are happiest in our community of Elk Point are the people who have become involved in some way in the community. Becoming a part of the community leads to a feeling of purpose as to why you are living in Elk Point.

Come to Information Night tonight!



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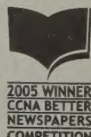


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Difficult to say goodbye as Kachmars depart

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

It was a time for laughter and for tears as Elk Point said goodbye to Marshall and June Kachmar on Sunday, June 4 with a gathering of family and friends at the Elk Point Seniors Recreation Centre.

After a bountiful potluck dinner, Doug Bassett was first to take the microphone. "When I first came to Elk Point from Redwater in 1984, Amoco was going to drill 1000 wells. My boss sent me up here. Amoco was very tough to get into, and the superintendent didn't think they needed more contractors. I kept coming back, and on September 28, 1984, Marshall gave me my first job here."

When oil prices tumbled in 1986, "Marshall did his best to keep us going. Soon after that, he sponsored me to join the Lions. We first met June at the Oilmen's Christmas party. They've been good really good friends to us."

"I've known you since I started to work in the patch," Leonard Gadowski said. "You gave me my first job there. You're almost a father figure, something that was missing in my life." Gadowski said "this man set the best example he could - do the job right, work hard and go home. That's something we can look up to him for."

Doug Lee recalled that when he came here in 1984 to start a flushby business, "Marshall had an LTD when everybody else had trucks. Sometimes we'd see it hung up on a picker truck, but he sometimes pulled out service rigs with it." During the 1986 crash, "somehow he managed to find enough work to get us by."

Carol Lee added thanks from the Ukrainian Dance Club. "We're definitely going to miss you at Malanka. You always did a wonderful job and we're going to miss that Ukrainian tradition."

Donna Fedorus called the Kachmars "very good neighbours who have always been there for us. When the 'for sale' sign went up, we put a blanket over it. We're really going to miss them."

Mary Bochon and Lesia Porcina brought thanks on behalf of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, where both were devoted members and volunteers. "You have both been an inspiration. We will keep you dear in our hearts."

Sue Campbell met Marshall in 1991 when she started working at Amoco. "I skipped work one day to paint my deck. Marshall drove around the corner, smiled and kept going. He never said a word - that's the way he was."

Bill Seniuk, whose son later married the Kachmars' daughter, said "I was combining and here comes a guy who says he's from Amoco. I thought, 'here's a cheque coming,' but no, he just wanted to feel the grain. He's a farm boy."

"The Canada Day committee won't be the same," Deanna Easthope said with regret. "Our Centennial fireworks were the best ever, with Marshall behind the scenes. He's a tremendous attribute. We'll also miss his bass voice in the Community Choir."

Then it was Marshall's turn to speak, relating his first days in Elk Point, when he stayed in a different room at the Fort George Motel every night and got immediate credit at the Empress, in the days when "you had to line up to go in at lunch time."

"We've enjoyed our stay here. I even attempted to be mayor, and it was a close race. I lost out but then had the opportunity to go international with Kudu Industries." Of the farewell party, he added, "Just you people being her, June and I appreciate more than you know."

June said the farewell "is very special for us. Twenty-one years ago when we moved from Swan Hills, I was so homesick I cried for a year. Now I don't want to leave."

That's a sentiment the community shares with this popular couple. We all wish them well in their new home.



Mixed emotions were evident at Marshall and June Kachmar bid a fond farewell to all the friends they have made in Elk Point over their 21 years in the community.

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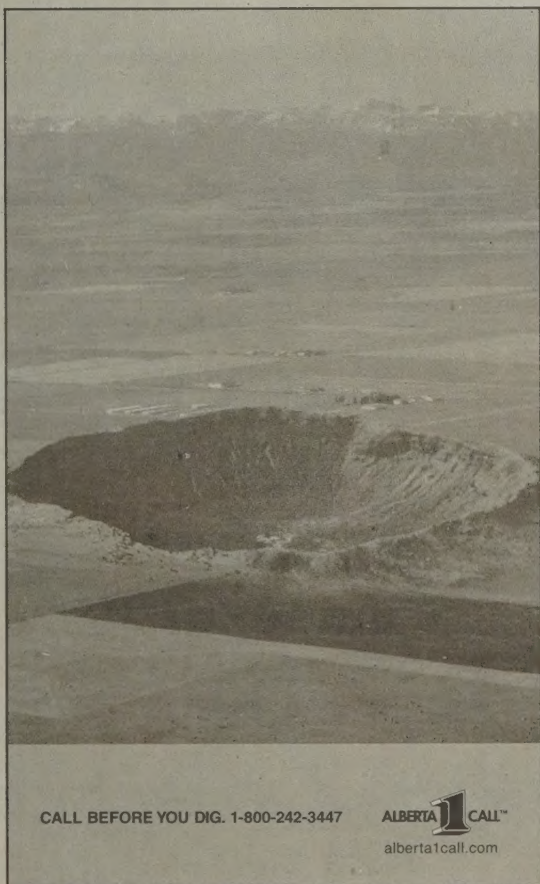
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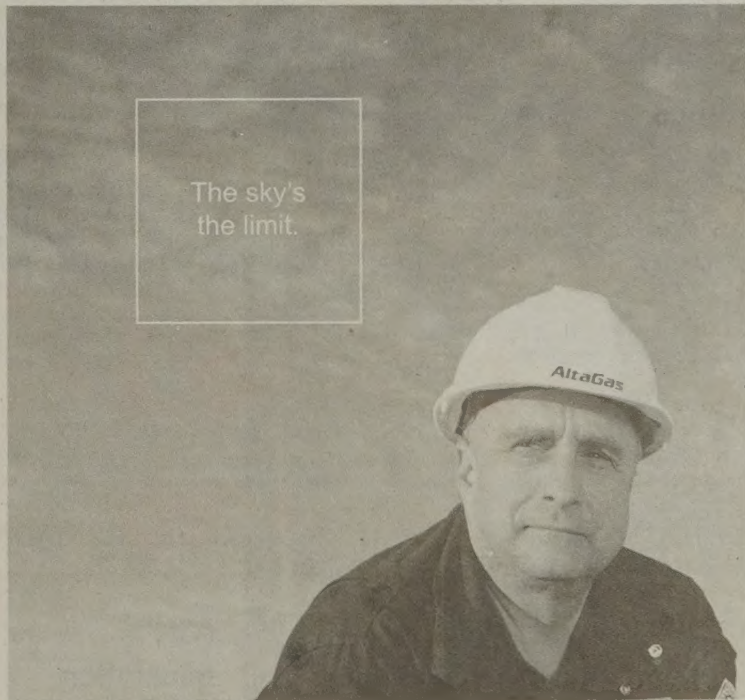


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Centennial chefs

Town councillors Dennis Jasinsky and Dwayne Yaremkevich cooked up an endless stream of burgers and hot dogs to start off the Centennial celebration. Town manager Myron Goyan (not shown) kept the table stocked with buns and trimmings.

Sisters get in the swing of things

Big sisters Lindsay MacDonald and Seanna Ewasiuk swing their younger siblings Ashton Ewasiuk and (not shown) Madison MacDonald high in the air in their Ukrainian Sisters Dance.



Elk Point Community Choir

The Elk Point Community Choir lined up in front of the outdoor stage to start off the show with their rendition of O Canada.



Communities come together in music

Vernon 'Babe' Sharkey of Heinsburg, Henry Botting of Elk Point, Grace Meger of Heinsburg and Arnie Price of Elk Point entertained with old favourites.



Saluting Alberta's oil industry

The men of the Choir saluted the oil industry with "Call Me a Roughneck," featuring soloist Shaun Sheplawy.



A new generation of music

Young violinist Jodi Kalynchuk played numbers of yesteryear on her vintage fiddle.

Honouring the preservation of history

Local historian Steve Andrishak is presented with a certificate honouring his many years of efforts to preserve the area's history through his writing and his museum collections. Town councillor Thomas Kondla makes the presentation.





Gospel with gusto

Kerry Anderson delighted the crowd with her rendition of 'Jerusalem', in a salute to the part churches have played in Alberta's first century.



Fur trade forbears

Kayla Gibson reminded the crowd of the area's first European influence with her speech on Peter Fidler.



In a Métis mood

Feet flying too fast to photograph, Corbin Poitras does the Broom Dance to the fast fiddle tune created by the nimble fingers of Homer Poitras.



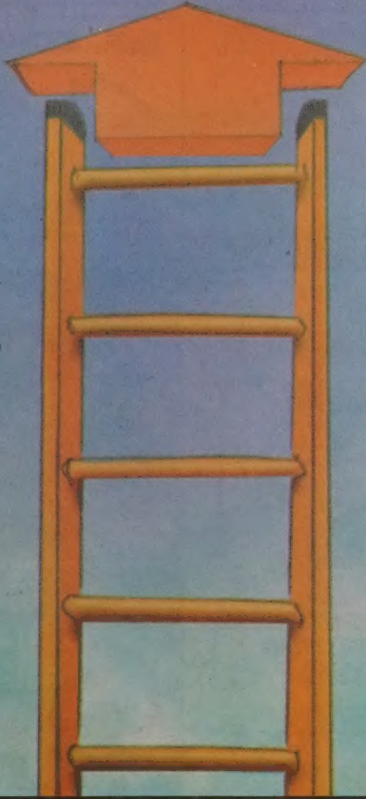
Babies of the Centennial

Parents of area babies born during 2005 proudly displayed their little bundles of joy at the Centennial celebration. Back row, left to right, are (parents not shown in brackets) Donna (Kelly) Krider, Shauna (Jason) Hannin, Shirley and Nigel Walton and big sister Rachael, Tammy (Darryl) Klatt, Margaret Bayduza (Rod Cardinal), Karen Ziomek (Bryan Vanwyck) and Jennifer (Lindsay) Jenner; front, left to right, Nicole Bykowsky (Chris Ockerman) and Cathy (Glen) Ockerman.

We've got it all in Alberta!

Singer-songwriter Adele Johnson is backed up by husband Ralph as she sings the tuneful tribute to the province she entered in the contest for Alberta's Centennial song.





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Centennial Showdown filled with championship action

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

The St. Paul area was treated to five days of top-notch rodeo action on the Labour Day weekend.

"These Lakeland Rodeo Association Finals are among the best finals you will see anywhere in the world. This is real rodeo," Lac La Biche-St. Paul MLA Ray Danyluk told the opening-night crowd on Sept. 1.

Thursday marked the province's centennial, and which Danyluk noted.

"We have so many reasons to be proud we live in Alberta," he said. "In the future, you will remember where you were on Alberta's 100th birthday."

To mark the occasion, Kim Lawrence sang the official Alberta Song as the provincial and centennial flags were proudly carried in by a procession of junior competitors.

Mayor John Trefanenko praised the contestants, volunteers and rodeo committee for their efforts.

"If it weren't for all of you, this wouldn't be possible. It's wonderful. Every year for the past 18, it has been wonderful to have [the Lakeland finals] here," he said.

Then it was on with the rodeo, with three talented young trick riders from The Thurston Gang amazing their audiences with a repertoire which included Roman riding and rope tricks, to set the stage for an evening of wild west action.

Contestants in rough stock and timed events racked up points during the first four go-rounds, leading up to Sunday's final Showdown performance.

Bareback Bronc Riding was the first event out of the chutes, with season leader Travis Merchant of Lac La Biche finishing only one point ahead of his nearest competitor, Denny Phipps of Marshall, Sask. to win the championship. Merchant's points from earlier in the weekend, including the weekend's top scoring ride on Friday evening - an 81-point outing aboard Doubletree's Laplander - were good for the win despite a 69-point ride on Sunday. Phipps had

Sunday's best ride, scoring 76.5 on Miller Rodeo's Scarlett Lady. Brent Foster of Millet was the season runner-up, but completed only three of his five Showdown rides.

Coming into the finals in 10th spot as a tour qualifier was no handicap for Steer Wrestling competitor Trevor Bousquet of Consort, who downed five steers in a total of 26.4 seconds to take the 2005 title, edging out Steve Friend of Viking by half a second overall. Randy Smith of Olds,

who accepted the season leader award, had the fastest run of the finals with a 3.3-second run on Saturday night. Travis Reay of Mayerthorpe was the season runner-up.

Luke Creasy of Brownfield was both season leader and champion in the Novice Horse Riding, and was the only competitor to ride all five of his broncs. Season runner-up Clem Lowry was also second in the finals, riding four of five.

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The LRA's Showdown Champions for 2005 are, left to right: Wayne Powell, Saddle Bronc; Jordan Ness, Junior Steer Riding; Jesse Scherger, Junior Barrels; Slade Bowers, Team Roping; Riley Jones, Junior Bull Riding; Lee White, Team Roping; Randy Smith, All Around; Lance Tulloch, Calf Roping; Travis Merchant, Bareback; Trevor Bousquet, Steer Wrestling; Luke Creasy, Novice Horse Riding; Brett Overman, Bull Riding; and Brandi Hagen, Ladies' Barrel Racing.

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September 5, 2005

Muriel Holthe \$20, Flora

Gladue \$20, Dina Leaf \$20, Elsie Oryschuk \$36, Harry Shankowski \$7, Annie Stanley \$43, Eva Bueckert \$7, Frances Jenkins \$10, Lillian Ewasiuk \$10, Dan Demchuk \$50, Mary Fryingpan \$20, Jean Duffee \$26, Helga Vaughan \$30, Pearl Slywka \$10, Louise Popiel \$26, Velma Fryingpan \$20, Helen Trach \$10, Daphne Fletcher \$10, Roy Wooldridge \$10, Mary Rose Piesinger \$10, Raymond Bueckert \$32, Kay Wozniak \$49, Lloyd Gladue \$33, John Joe Fryingpan \$8, Victoria Voutour \$16.



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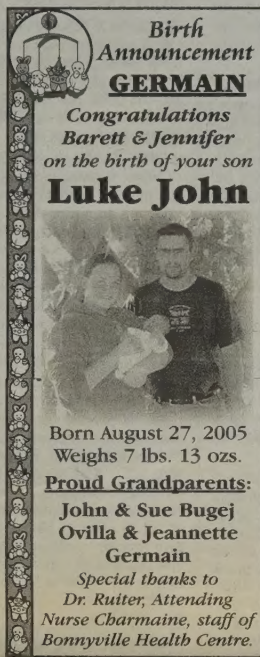
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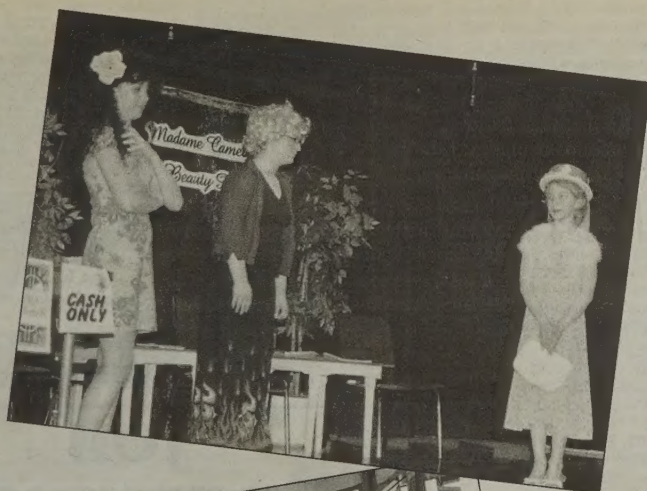
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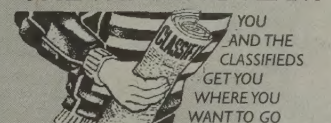
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Bull Riding season leader Shane Gist of Westeros got that 'War Zone' feeling when he took on that wily Peters bull Saturday afternoon.



Tyson Frank paired up with Doubletree's 'Strawberry Alarm Clock' for a crowd-pleasing ride at Saturday afternoon's performance.

Centennial Showdown

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Riley Jones of Delburne won the Junior Bull Riding title, completing four of his five rides and marking the high score of the finals, an 82.5, in Sunday's round. Season leader Jacob Anderson of Niton Junction rode three of five, while sea-

son runner-up, Matt Kaprowski of St. Paul had a disappointing finals, with five unsuccessful rides.

Junior Steer Riding champion Jordan Ness of Drayton Valley came into the finals in third place and topped all but one performance for the win, edging out season leader Tyler Patten of Buck Lake and season runner-up William Stovin of Drayton Valley.

In the Ladies' Barrel Racing, it was season runner-up Brandi Hagen of Warburg who took the title. Wendy Young of Elk Point came into the finals in eighth spot and worked her way up to second in the finals standings, but had the misfortune to hit her final barrel on Sunday afternoon. Season leader Adel Hansen of Mayerthorpe had the fastest run of the finals, with a rapid 13.077 on Sunday afternoon.

The lone male competitor, Jesse Scherger of Edson, was named Junior Barrels champion, despite knocking a barrel in Saturday night's run. Season leader was Michelle Cox of Chetwynd, while Jessica Hansen of Mayerthorpe was season runner-up.

Season runner-up Lance Tulloch of Mayerthorpe, one of three ropers to successfully tie up all five calves, took the Calf Roping championship. Season leader Randy Smith of Olds had the fastest run of the finals, an 8.3, on Saturday afternoon.

A 78-point ride on horse of the year and horse of the finals,

Doubletree's Blues Clues, gave Wayne Powell of Olds the necessary edge to win the Saddle Bronc championship over season leader Mark O'Dempsey of Morre, Australia, whose final ride earned him 77 points on Doubletree's Cracklin' Rose. Travis Reay of Mayerthorpe was the season runner-up.

The Team Roping finals were frustrating for many competitors, with only the season runners-up, Vince and Mark Flynn of New Norway, successful in all five runs. However, it was Lee White of Buck Lake and Slade Bowers of Ardmore who took home the championship, edging out season leaders of Jordan Dodds and Scott Auclair of Ponoka. Luke VanDyk of Niton Junction and Travis Reay of Mayerthorpe clocked the fastest run of the finals, with a 5.2 in the final performance.

The final score was bulls 39 - Cowboys 11 after five performances of Bull Riding. Brett Overman of Hardisty was one of only two cowboys to ride three head, with three second-place scores earning him the championship. Season leader Shane Gist of Westeros had only one successful ride all weekend, while season runner-up Troy Teeter had two, including the top mark of the finals, an 85-point effort on Miller's Sinbad which was Friday's only completed ride.

All-Around honours went to Randy Smith.



All-Around Cowboy Randy Smith of Olds accepts his award from LRA director Dean Lawes.

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Grandparents Day

(Continued from Front Page)

Musical renditions of "Church in the Wildwood," "My Grandfather's Clock" and "Amazing Grace" were followed by Meger's vocals in such numbers as "How Long Has It Been?" "Love Lifted Me," "Mansion Over the Hilltop" and Let the Sun Shine In," and by special request, her own song of life in the "Laurier Lake Pines."

This is the music we grew up with," Anderson enthused, pointing out the multiple talents of this musical group.

Lillian Demchuk came forward to share a very special story, that of becoming a grandmother.

"No words can describe the way you feel when you become a grandparent for the first time," Demchuk said. She and husband Larry had been camping near Lac La Biche on the Labour Day weekend of 2004, but came home early due to miserable weather combined with the flu and a cold. All discomfort was forgotten when the

phone rang at 3:38 in the morning and son Lorne said he was taking his wife, Alison, to the hospital.

"I told him to be calm," Demchuk said, reading from her diary account of that momentous day. "We left for the city at 7:30 a.m., and Ella Jean was born

around 8:00 a.m., pink and healthy." Now, she says, "our granddaughter is beautiful. Grandpa is a bit more calm, and is restoring a 1970s pedal tractor for her."

"Grandchildren have a special place in their hearts for us, as we have for them," Anderson said as the cele-

bration neared its end.

New United Church minister Harold Imes offered a prayer for all the grandparents to conclude the program.

A fish pond for the youngsters and lunch for everyone were also part of the celebration.



Vernon Sharkey, Jeff Reiter, Grace Meger and Russ Kowtun share some very special music with those attending Elk Point's Grandparents Day celebration at the United Church on Sunday.



Randall Kryes, Carol Babcock and family were among those who shared the message of the positive impact that grandparents have had on their family.

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